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1. TRANSPORTATION. TRANSPORT TO AND FROM HOTEL IS INCLUDED IN NORMAL INTOURIST PACKAGE AS IS USE OF VEHICLE FOR 3 HOURS DURING DAY. PAST PRACTICE HAS BEEN TO APPLY INDIVIDUAL TRANSPORTATION "CREDITS" TO COST OF 16-18 HOUR DAILY BUS AND SEDAN SERVICE THROUGHOUT VISIT. GIVEN SIZE OF DELEGATION EMBASSY PROPOSES USE OF 2 BUSES AND 2 INTOURIST SEDANS FOR NORMAL REQUIREMENTS. ADDITIONAL VEHICLES CAN BE PROVIDED BY INTOURIST FOR OFFICAL CALLS AS REQUIRED. DEPENDING UPON USAGE THERE MAY BE ADDITIONAL CHARGES. TWO BAGGAGE TRUCKS SHOULD ALSO BE REQUESTED. BUS AND BAGGAGE TRUCK FOR CREW WOULD BE CONSIDERED SEPARATELY. EMBASSY REGRETS THAT IT CANNOT PROVIDE VEHICLES AS ITS RESOURCES WILL BE SPREAD THINLY PROVIDING SUPPORT IN THREE CITIES.

2. ACCOMMODATIONS. ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD BE MADE THROUGH INTOURIST. NORMAL PRACTICE IN MOSCOW IS TO RECEIVE NAME OF HOTEL 3 OR 4 DAYS BEFORE SCHEDULED ARRIVAL AND
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ROOM ASSIGNMENTS 24 HOURS OR LESS PRIOR TO TOUCHDOWN. WASH. CONTROL OFFICER SHOULD PROVIDE ROOM REQUIREMENTS BOTH TO ATA REPRESENTATIVE AND EMBASSY. DUE TO LARGE SIZE OF PARTY IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT DELEGATION WILL OCCUPY ONE HOTEL (POSSIBLY INTOURIST OR NATIONAL) AND CREW WILL BE LODGED IN ANOTHER. THIS IS EVEN MORE LIKELY IN LENINGRAD AND KIEV. COST OF ROOMS SHOULD BE

ESTABLISHED AT EARLY DATE. DIFFICULTIES IN HANDLING
LARGE PARTIES FREQUENTLY RESULTS IN LAST-MINUTE
SUBSTITUTION OF LARGE ROOMS I.E. SUITES AT 120 R/DAY
FOR DELUXE DOUBLES 103 R/DAY OR DELUXE DOUBLES FOR
NORMAL DOUBLES 80 R/DAY.

3. CONTROL ROOM. IN MOSCOW CONTROL ROOM WILL BE OPEN
0810 - 2100 DAILY. IT WILL BE MANNED BY EMBASSY
SOVIET CLERK AND WILL HAVE LIMITED SUNDRIES AND
REFRESHMENTS. A TYPEWRITER AND SUPPLIES WILL BE PROVIDED.
AS MONEY EXCHANGE WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE HOTEL,
EMBASSY OFFICER WILL BE IN CONTROL ROOM TO HANDLE
CONVERSIONS ONLY UPON ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE. MAJOR
HOTELS NOW ALLOW ONLY ONE TELEPHONE PER ROOM SO UNLESS
CONTROL ROOM IS DELUXE DOUBLE OR SUITE WITH TWO ROOMS,
ONLY ONE DIRECT OUTSIDE TELEPHONE LINE WILL BE PROVIDED.
EACH ROOM, HOWEVER, WILL HAVE ITS OWN DIRECT OUTSIDE
LINE. CONTROL ROOMS IN OTHER CITIES MAY BE LESS
COMPLETE AS STAFFING IS VERY LIMITED.

4. FUNDING. SUGGEST THAT ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTOURIST
ROOM CHARGES BE HANDLED IN MANNER SIMILAR TO THAT
ARRANGED FOR CODEL SMITH (JAN. 78). ADDITIONAL FUND
CITE MUST BE PROVIDED TO COVER OTHER EXPENSES (TOURS,
RECEPTIONS, MEALS, ETC.) IF EMBASSY IS TO ARRANGE THESE
EVENTS WITH INTOURIST. IF MEMBERS OF DELEGATION INTEND
TO PAY INDIVIDUALLY FOR EACH AND EVERY EXPENSE, STRAINED
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RELATIONS ARE SURE TO DEVELOP AS INTOURIST IS BY NO
MEANS RETICENT TO PRESS FOR IMMEDIATE PAYMENT.
ON THE OTHER HAND, IF EMBASSY CAN GUARANTEE
PAYMENT, ADVANCE ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE AT FIXED PRICES
FOR OFFICIAL EVENTS.

5. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS CODEL DOES NOT DESIRE EXTENSIVE
NEWS COVERAGE. HOWEVER, ANTICIPATE SOME INTEREST ON
PART OF RESIDENT U.S. PRESS CORPS AND WOULD LIKE CODEL'S
DEFINITIVE REACTION RE POSSIBILITY OF BACKGROUND OR
ON-THE-RECORD BRIEFING FOR AMERICAN NEWSMEN AT
SUITABLE TIME, PREFERABLY MARCH 29 LATE MORNING OR
EARLY AFTERNOON. ALTERNATIVELY, WE COULD FACILITATE
DISTRIBUTION OF SHORT STATEMENT OR RELEASE PRIOR TO
CODEL'S DEPARTURE FROM MOSCOW. PLEASE ADVISE. U.S.
NEWSMEN COULD BE INFORMED OF WHATEVER ARRANGEMENTS
CODEL PREFERS AT AMBASSADOR'S REGULAR BRIEFING SESSION
WITH THEM ON MARCH 24.

6. CONTROL OFFICERS. FOR SPECIFIC INFORMATION FOLLOWING
OFFICERS MAY BE CONTACTED.
OVERALL CONTROL W.BROWN OFFICE EXT.211 HOME PHONE

EMBASSY EXT. 368

DAO CONTROL C.ROADES OFFICE EXT.297 HOME PHONE
EMBASSY EXT. 386

PRESS CONTROL J.HARROD OFFICE EXT.232 HOME PHONE
236-3198

ADMIN. CONTROL J.HULINGS OFFICE EXT.218 HOME PHONE

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